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CASES OF SUICIDE IN MEDICAL COLLEGES INSTITUTES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether cases of suicide by students/residents in the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) and certain other medical colleges/institutes have been reported in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the outcome of the inquiries taken place in the above cases; and

(d) the corrective measures taken/ proposed by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a) to (c) Since January 2012, Shri Anil Meena, MBBS student and Dr. Kriti Gakhar, MD (Pharma) student have committed suicide in All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi . In the case of Shri Anil Meena a Committee was constituted to examine whether his result for first professional exam was prepared rightly or not. The Committee found that his result was prepared as per rules of AIIMS. No enquiry was setup in case of Dr. Kriti as it came to notice that she had marital discord and was depressed because of that.

Dr. (Mrs.) Anney Harisitha, MD (Radiology) student of 2011 batch and Miss Vinothini, BSc. (Nursing) student of 2010 batch have committed suicide in Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER), Puduchary. Both the cases were inquired by police and the outcome in both the cases was one of personal reasons unrelated to the pursuit of the academic courses.

(d) AIIMS have taken several corrective measures which include creation of students welfare cell, starting student counseling series, starting teacher mentor programme, creation of students grievance cell in hostel, regular interaction with representatives of students, appointment of Professor Students Welfare etc.

JIPMER has also taken several steps in this regard which include formation of various committees comprising of faculty members specially from the department of psychiatry, medical social workers, sensitization of warden of students hostels etc.